

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 1
FOR FY 2006 CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS ALLOCATED BY P.L. 109-234

December 29, 2006

The Louisiana Recovery Authority Board (LRA) has approved for public comment resolutions for the use of Supplemental Community Development Block Grant funds for the activities described below. The LRA and the Office of Community Development (OCD) developed the proposed Action Plan Amendment with regard to \$209 million of the federal supplemental appropriation for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita disaster recovery and rebuilding efforts administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. In addition to approval by the LRA Board, the proposed Action Plan Amendment is subject to approval by the Governor, the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and the Louisiana Legislature.

The State wishes to amend the State Building Infrastructure Program as described in the original Action Plan for Disaster Recovery, to include FEMA-ineligible repair costs as an eligible expenditure under that program. The State wishes to add \$135 million to this program to cover the additional costs of this expansion of eligibility, to the original allocation of \$142.5 million increasing the total program budget to \$277.5 million.

The State wishes to amend the State Building Infrastructure Program also in the original Action Plan, to allocate \$74 million for the purposes of land acquisition and architecture and engineering design work for the new Medical Center of Louisiana – New Orleans (MCLNO), the primary public hospital and home to the only Level 1 trauma center in the New Orleans region. Funds will be used to promote the parallel design and construction of, and sharing of services between, MCLNO and the planned Veterans Administration medical center. Louisiana State University is engaged in a joint planning process with the Veterans Administration to share services between MCLNO and the new VA medical center to reduce the costs and improve administrative efficiencies associated with operating the hospitals, and the VA has begun its facility planning process and requires that the MCLNO design and planning process proceed on a parallel timeline in order to guarantee the planned facility partnerships.

Copies of the proposed Action Plan Amendment No. 1 will be available for distribution and may be requested in writing or by telephone at (225) 342-7412 from the Division of Administration, OCD. This Action Plan Amendment will also be made available today on the internet at www.LouisianaRebuilds.info.

Written comments on the proposed Action Plan Amendment may be submitted beginning today and must be received no later than 5:00 PM (CST) on January 8, 2007. The Proposed Action Plan Amendment will be published in Vietnamese and Spanish translations at the same website. Comments may be mailed to the Office of Community Development, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095 or sent via facsimile to (225) 342-1947. Comments may also be submitted online at www.LouisianaRebuilds.info.

Vietnamese:

Muốn biết thêm chi tiết về Kế Hoạch Hành Động, xin gọi số (225) 342-7412 hoặc viết về địa chỉ điện thư paul.catrou@la.gov.

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